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DEAR SIR:

FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGARDING THE RELICENSING OF LAKE ALMANOR BY PGE KNOWN AS PROJECT #2105, THE STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD IS REQUIRING THAT PGE PUT IN A \$54,000,000 THERMAL CURTAIN IN THE LAKE TO DRAW MORE COLD WATER FROM THE LAKE TO TRY AND IMPROVE THE FISH HABITAT DOWN THE FEATHER RIVER. THEY THINK THAT BY DOING THIS THAT THE TEMPERATURE IN THE RIVER WILL BE LOWERED BY ONE OR TWO DEGREES.

HERE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY PUSHING A DUMB AND EXPENSIVE PROGRAM AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

WE KNOW THAT IF THE CURTAIN GOES IN, THE TEMP OF LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT LAKE WILL RISE SEVERAL DEGREES. BOTH LAKES ARE RELATIVELY SHALLOW

LAKES AND PRESENTLY THE
FISH HAVE TO GO TO THE
BOTTOM IN THE SUMMER
MONTHS TO GET COLD WATER.

IF YOU DRAW OFF THE COLD
WATER, THE FISH WILL DIE,
THE ALGAE WILL THRIVE,
THE LAKES WILL DIE, AND
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WILL
BE DEVESTATED.

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO
STOP THIS INSANITY. THERE ARE
OTHER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE
FEATHER RIVER WITHOUT
CAUSING SUCH DAMAGE TO
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKE IN
CALIFORNIA.

THANK YOU.

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SAVE LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT VALLEY LAKE

STOP PG&E'S PROPOSED COLD WATER THERMAL CURTAINS!!

- **CURTAINS WILL HAVE MAJOR ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ON LAKE ALMANOR BASIN:**
 1. Curtain will create environmental devastation to Lake system
 2. Curtain removes and sends downstream 50% of Lake's cold water
 3. Water temperature rise will kill fish, create large algae blooms
 4. Earthen berms will damage the Almanor watershed
 5. Ugly curtain (14 football fields in area) will be major eyesore
 6. Dredging and 42,000 cubic yds. spoils pile disturbs Maldu burial sites
 7. Butt Lake curtain will seriously degrade its fish habitat

- **CURTAIN WILL CREATE MAJOR ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO REGIONS ECONOMY:**
 1. 40% reduction in trophy trout/salmon habitat decimates fishing economy
 2. Deteriorated water quality decimates tourism, camping and boating
 3. Downturn negatively impacts local employment
 4. Property values in basin eventually face significant declines

- **CURTAIN WILL COST AT LEAST \$54 MILLION TO BUILD:**
 1. Zero net benefits to Lake Almanor Basin but paid for by PG&E Taxpayers
 2. Scientific Studies show Curtain has negligible positive impact downstream. Studies have identified better methods to improve downstream fish habitat: Habitat improvement, better food supply, increase stream flows.

HOW CAN YOU HELP???

✓ **Contact Decision Makers today (See list on back side of Page)**

✓ **Attend meetings and rallies to *Stop the Curtain***

✓ **Visit SaveLakeAlmanor.org website for latest information**

✓ **Contributions of support payable to:
Save Lake Almanor Committee
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